A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know when the Government are likely to come to a decision on this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I hope to do so in the course of a month or so."

Removal of bar of 13 years' permanent service rule for increment in the case of Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs.

* 96 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have come to any and, if so, what decision in regard to the removal of the bar of 13 years' permanent service rule for increment in the case of subordinate judges and district munsifs referred to in my question No. 1582, dated 1st March 1929 ; and

(*b*) if not, why not ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 95.

Delays in the disposal of cases in Civil Courts.

* 97 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether, with reference to the observations in G.O. No. 30, Law (General), dated 3rd January 1929, as to delays in the disposal of suits in the Courts of District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges the High Court has taken any measures to reduce the long pendency of litigation in the courts ?

A.—The Government have no reason to believe that the hon. the Judges have not taken any measures with reference to the suggestion of the Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Government have enquired as to what steps have been taken by the High Court ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there has been any increase effected in the disposal of cases ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is not possible to know."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Apart from the nature of the answer, may I ask whether the Government have satisfied themselves that the High Court has taken steps in the matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government have no information."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the hon. Member make the necessary enquiry and find out whether the High Court has taken the necessary steps ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The Government have no reason to believe that the High Court has not taken the necessary steps."

Forests

Memorial from the villagers of Vangal in the Trichinopoly district about their forest grievances.

* 98 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any memorial from the villagers of Vangal in the Trichinopoly district about their forest grievances ; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) No such memorial has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Removal of the reserve boundary line away from the holdings of the ryots in South Kanara.

* 99 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have at any time considered the question of removing the reserve boundary line half a mile or any distance away from the holdings of ryots in South Kanara ?

A.—Yes. The question was also considered in connexion with the budget debates of 1928–29. The policy of Government on the general question is contained in G.O. No. 30, Development, dated the 6th January 1922, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. In pursuance of that policy all legitimate grievances which were brought to notice have also received attention.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether there has been any instance in the district in which the reserve boundary has been put back ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table once again the Government Order which was placed on the table in the year 1922 ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I think it is unnecessary to do so."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether the question of putting back the reserve boundaries was also one of the subjects included in the question of reorganization of the Forest Department ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That was not ; but the whole forest policy will be considered. This also along with the rest will be considered."

Jails

Age-limit for the detention of adolescents in Borstal schools.

*100 Q.—Mr. F. E. JAMES : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether in spite of the fact that 23 is regarded as the maximum age for the detention of adolescents in Borstal schools, certain courts continue to give sentences which necessitate detention in Borstal institutions beyond this age-limit ; and